

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (currently amended) A coupling, having a longitudinal axis, ~~and adapted to attach~~ for attaching a threaded shaft to a structure, said coupling including:

a threaded rod extending along said axis and to threadably engage the structure ~~so as to be fixed thereto~~, the rod terminating at an end with a head having a tool engaging portion; and

a turn member also extending along said axis and including a hollow base within which said head is captively located, and a sleeve attached to the base and extending from the head and said rod along said axis, the sleeve including a threaded passage to threadably engage a said shaft, wherein said tool engaging portion is exposed to said passage and configured to provide for a tool to pass along said passage to engage said portion to enable a user to rotate said rod about said axis relative to said member ~~so that upon said rod being engaged with said structure and said sleeve rotated about said axis relative to said shaft, said shaft is moved longitudinally of said passage.~~

Claim 2 (cancelled)

Claim 3. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 1, wherein said rod is adapted to penetrate timber.

Claim 4. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 1, wherein said sleeve includes surfaces to be engaged by a tool to aid in rotating said sleeve about said axis.

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (currently amended) ~~In combination,~~ A combination comprising the coupling of claim 1, a shaft threadably engaged in the threaded passage of the coupling and ~~and said shaft,~~ with a cable attached to said shaft.

Claims 7 and 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9. (previously presented) The coupling of claim 3, wherein said sleeve includes surfaces to be engaged by a tool to aid in rotating said sleeve about said axis.

Claim 10. (cancelled)

Claim 11. (currently amended) ~~In combination,~~ A combination comprising the coupling of claim 3, a shaft threadably engaged in the threaded passage of the coupling and ~~said shaft,~~ with a cable attached to said shaft.

Claim 12. (currently amended) ~~In combination,~~ A combination comprising the coupling of claim 4, a shaft threadably engaged in the threaded passage of the coupling and ~~said shaft,~~ with a cable attached to said shaft.

Claim 13. (cancelled)